

In re: Franzon et al.
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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the continued thorough examination of the present application, and the Examiner's indication in the Official Action of April 21, 2004 that the earlier objections to the specification and earlier rejections are withdrawn, that Claims 111, 113 and 115 are allowed, and that Claims 76, 90, 96, 98, 104 and 106 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

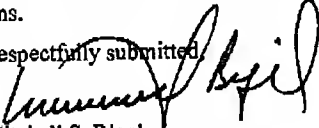
However, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of Claims 75, 77, 91-95, 97, 99-103, 105, 107-110, 112, 114 and 116. These claims were rejected as being anticipated by or obvious in view of newly cited U.S. Patent 5,629,838 to Knight et al.

In this regard, Applicants wish to note that the present application is entitled *Inductively Coupled Electrical Connectors*, and that the pending claims are replete with references to inductors. The claim language will not be quoted for the sake of brevity.

In contrast, the Knight et al. patent is entitled *Apparatus for Non-Conductively Interconnecting Integrated Circuits Using Half Capacitors*. The Knight et al. patent is replete with references to "half-capacitors", and a key word search reveals that the Knight et al. patent does not include the word "inductor" or the word "inductors". Thus, for example, the reference numbers (14, 15) of Knight et al. that were cited by the Official Action are used by Knight et al. to refer to "half-capacitors". There is one irrelevant mention of the word "inductive" at Knight et al. Column 30, line 7. Accordingly, there does not appear to be a basis in Knight et al. for an anticipation rejection or an obviousness rejection of the rejected claims.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of all of the pending claims. Alternatively, if the rejection is maintained, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to issue a new Official Action that clarifies how Knight et al. is used as the basis for a rejection of the claims.

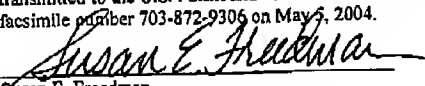
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